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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: March 25, -The next KCDXC meeting will be a LIVE meeting at the JOCO Library, Room 13, 9875 W. 87th St., Overland Park KS, 66212. Start: 6:30pm. Zoom meeting is available also.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT NEXT MEETING-

Nominations for KCDXC President will be accepted at the March Meeting. Voting will be electronic(email) as in the past. Reminder: only paid up members will be allowed to vote in the upcoming elections.

SEND IN YOUR 2024 KCDXC DUES-Dues can be paid by Paypal. Go to KCDXC web page and click link where it says "Donate to Club." Checks may be sent by mail to WØZAP directly.

ACØC'S EARLY SHACK SET UP-The S2ØR was the first receiver model that I had as a kid. By modern standards it's a lousy receiver but back then, it was the thing of wonder. General coverage SWL. Eventually I got an old military RX that had some sort of filtering and the S2ØR was idled. But it's held a spot in my heart for that reason.

Fast forward to a number of years prior. I was at KØLW's place for something and noticed he had a pretty decent looking S2ØR on the shelf. We talked about it and the history and it found its way back with me. Been setting on the shelf since.

After getting a bunch of bench cleaning done, I was looking for an excuse to take a break from the endless organization project that the cleaning really is at the core, and looked at that S2ØR thinking "easy project, nice distraction." And it turned out to be just that. (Continued pg.3)



KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M	DX Challenge
AB0X	357	353	353	236		227	55	2382
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
N0RB	353	347	351				23	2269
K3PA	352	350	351	326		195	36	2754
N0CWR	350	350	350	326	985	207	101	2933
NX0I	350	349	347	271		211	6	2522
K0CA	350	349	350	331	318	112	36	2641
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
AC0A	348	321	348	221	888	25	15	2295
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
KS0DX	347	324	337	225	360	107		2516
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
K0GY	344	342	344	292			5	2316
K0XM	339	313	283	288	116			2052
KB0X	336							
KE5BR	335	177	297	79				742
W0QQ	335	262	332	271	151	119	43	2127
WA0WOF	335							
K0AP	334	331	325	295		47	8	2353
W4DTA	334	277	304	148	275	49	84	1471
K0THN	334	322	288	193	243	1		1929
K4SX	331	280	320	187		52	82	1773
W0MB	329	255	326	285		45		1849
K0UR	323							
AC0C	315	306	269	250	359	130	3	2037
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1296
K0IZ	300		300					
N9GB	289							
N0EG	276	206	182	155		30	14	935
NS0D	271	214	134	179	161	3	2	1002
AD0K	265	247	88	200	209	36	6	940
AI6O	263	237	200	171		20	10	1027
W0XE	248	216	193	14				832
W0DR	229	30	174	70		10	7	622
K0RAR	195	26	55	191	188	18	13	1027
N0RC	186	42	52	177	110	3	3	788
W0ZAP	171	39	76	149	21		5	655
W0HL	112	30	53	97		5	8	300

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions. NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to ab0x@kc.rr.com . Please only one update a month.

AC0C Continued from page 1:

Works pretty good now recapped and aligned. And today when I got it put back up on the shelf and connected up, I tuned to a AM station just on the high end of



the 20m band. Turned out to be a Spanish language number station, likely out of Cuba. Talk about a trip down memory lane. WWII era RX. WWII era spy stuff. AM modulation. Yellow incandescent lights on a yellow dial. Must have been like back in the 50s and 60s with these number stations frequent broadcasters...-AC0C

February 26, 2024

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes By K0THN

The February 2024 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by Vice President Lee Ward, K0LW, at 6:30pm CDT. The meeting was conducted in the Johnson County Central Resource Library Branch, Logan Conference Room and on Zoom. Tom, NM0N, did a good job of running the Zoom portion. He has graciously volunteered to be the Audio/Visual coordinator.

Because I have not been feeling well, the minutes will be abbreviated somewhat this month. (Secy.)

Agenda

1. Member reports
2. Nominations for new president as Chuck Kraly, K0XM, has declined the office.
3. DXpeditions and Contests
4. Zoom Link Always Up
5. Dues
6. Comments and next meeting

Member Reports

There were 26 members in attendance on Zoom and in person.

Most reports referred to the recent ARRL DX CW contest. Most notable was Dragan, K0AP, who reported 1500 QSOs, all on ten meters. Mike, AB0X, reported 101 QRP QSOs, on ten meters.



I think it was Mike, W0MB, who reported he had purchased a MORTTY V5 CW and RTTY Keyer.

Currently \$60 but website says sold out.
mortty.net

Appeal for President and volunteer positions V.P., Lee, K0LW, appealed again for nominations for the vacant office of president. Lee, K0LW, nominated Dragan, K0AP. He will consider it but has not yet accepted.

Webmaster We are still looking for a volunteer for this position. The KCDX Club Bylaws state that there shall be a website.

Discussion

Dayton

Rick, W0ZAP, is getting the pileup contest system setup. It will be setup at the Hope Hotel which is on the Wright Patterson airbase. The winner will receive an ICOM 7300 Transceiver. DXpeditions

I do not generally report DX notices here because the information is so perishable. The DXWORLD DXpedition Time-Line is a great tool to see upcoming DXpeditions. <https://www.dx-world.net/tag/dx-world-dxpedition-timeline/>.



Chuck also uses the NG3K Announced DX Operations website for information. This information is also available on the <https://kcdxclub.org/dxpeditions> website.

Contests

As usual, see the WA7BNM online calendar <https://www.contestcalendar.com/>.

Zoom Link

Chuck, K0XM, reports that the zoom link is available 24/7 for us to use.

Meeting ID: 870 2915 7891

Passcode: 645704

Dues for 2024 are Due now - \$20

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be March 25, 2024, the last Monday of the month. It will be held as usual at the Johnson County Central Resource Library Branch.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm CDT.

Charlie Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary declined. We still need a volunteer.

KCDXC TRIVIA QUIZ- CELEBRATE KCDXC LEGACY!

BY AB0X

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ-

N0RB got #2 correct with the answer of W0FI, Wayne Manning. However, no one got #1 or #3 correct, even though 87 guesses were submitted by readers!

The answer to #1 and #3 was also W0FI, Wayne. Who would have thunk it?

1.Name the old KCDXC member who got his dates mixed up. He was going to operate for the first time at AB0I for CQ WW Phone Contest. When he arrived he thought it was funny no other cars were there and John was off in the field working on an antenna. AB0I told him, "You are either really early OR you have the dates mixed up?"

Who was it???

2. At a KCDXC Golf Tournament this KCDXer was kicked off the golf course for taking a wiz behind a tree. Tree didn't block the view from the club house. The course Pro asked him to leave!
Who was it???

3. This KCDXC member used to play in a country music band and toured all over Oklahoma and Texas and played every rodeo in between.
Who was it???

THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION???

WHAT KCDXC MEMBER ACTUALLY BUILT THE FIRST GODZILLA AMPLIFIER??

BONUS QUESTION: WHAT COMMERCIAL AMP WAS USED TO DRIVE GODZILLA???

Submit your answers to the Editor at ab0x@kc.rr.com .

DXCC CARD CHECKING

If you need QSL cards checked for any ARRL award, the KCDXC has two certified ARRL card checkers. K0LW and AB0X both are available to check cards before KCDXC meetings. Please email in advance so the two checkers can plan on arriving early to complete their QSL chores before the meeting starts. Contact Lee at k0lw160@gmail.com or K0LW@arrl.net . Contact Mike at ab0x@kc.rr.com .

FCC PROPOSES TAX ON 40 & 75 METERS RANTS

By WD0SRI

The FCC is constantly working to make the amateur operators on the ham bands more efficient and able to support themselves financially. Here's one idea being kicked around the FCC offices and has been leaked out of D.C.:

Proposed Rulemaking: Enact a Tax for use of the airwaves. Like over the road trucks pay for road use. The FCC has Nicknamed it the "Hot Air Tax."
Considering the number of hams who spend countless hours on 40 and 80 meter SSB, talking about senseless things like politics, the weather, sports, guns, deer hunting, personal grudges, hog prices, fishing, coon hunting, trailers, bigfoot sightings, beer, bird dogs, tractors, best overalls, hog prices, country music(Specifically: Should Toby Keith's Birthday become a national holiday?), agricultural progress(How's the corn doing?), Historical discussions (How did Deepwater, MO, get named Deepwater?) SEC football, Should the Ozarks become a separate DXCC entity because of shared cultural backgrounds?, and all Redneck things not mentioned above.

The proposed Hot Air Tax has been leaked out of the D.C. headquarters and a Redneck Freedom of Speech League has been formed to combat the proposed Rule Making actions by the FCC.

The Hot Air Tax suggest giving hams One rant a day on 75 and/or 40 SSB

meters of no more than 15 minutes. Rants on 20 meters would be limited to 10 minutes a day. Other bands would not be affected.

If hams exceed more than one rant a day on the designated bands, an excise tax would be charged them by the FCC. However, the FCC has not mentioned how the tax would be collected or how the general enforcement of the Hot Air Tax would be accomplished. One method floating around D.C. is that it would be left to self policing of the bands by hams themselves. If this is true, there would be a run on cassette recorders in the antique stores and flea markets. Another method of monitoring the rants on the bands has suggested that the FCC will be using AI to monitor the bands and report on hams who can't follow the new Rant limits. Even though this sounds possible, expert programing of Ozark slang or Redneck English would have to be programmed into the FCC computers. Several hams from Arkansas and Missouri with ties to the ARRL have volunteered to help establish a good data base for key phrases and words that can be linked to Redneck English language. Our own W0DR has been contacted for input on Redneck terminology.

Keep your eyes and ears open on this new proposed Rule Making! Several KCDXC members could have the Hot Air Tax charged on them. One local club member has suggested that my columns in the newsletter could be subject to the Hot Air Tax?

Anyway, Ya'll be careful and keep your rants short!

"Speed Limits on CW" will be examined in my next column. -WD0SRI

DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY AB0X

OPERATING TIP #6:

2-3 hours prior to major DX Contests, many of the DX stations will be on the bands working people just prior to the contest to get a feel for the propagation and their station. The pile ups will be much smaller and easier to get thru! I have filled many slots on the bands working these Pre-contest DX stations just before the contest starts! This is a great source of new ones for the W0AR yearly Test, too.

The WPX Phone is coming up in a few days. Give it shot. You will be pleased!

Does anybody read these? Or am I wasting my time writing these tips???

Have an operating tip of your own? Send it in to the Editor for the newsletter. Don't be shy! ab0x@kc.rr.com

DX NEWS:

QST de W1AW

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From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT March 14, 2024

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

BENIN, TY. Operators F5NVF, F5RAV and M0NPT are QRV as TY5C from Cotonou until

March 29. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, SSB, and FT8. This includes being active on Satellite QO 100. QSL direct to F5RAV.

ST HELENA ISLAND, ZD7. ZD7GG, with op Torsten, DL9GG, is QRV with a straight key on CW until the end of this month.

VANUATU, YJ. Chris, VK2YUS will be QRV as YJ0CA from Port Vila until March 21. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

LESOTHO, 7P. A multi national team of DJ9RR, EI2II, EI2JD, EI3ISB, EI3IXB, EI4HH, EI5GM, EI5GSB, EI6FR, EI8KN, EI9HQ, EI9FBB and PA3EWP, will be operating as 7P8EI from March 19 to 30. The group plans to set up 8 rigs for HF. QSL via M00X0 OQRS.

CURACAO, PJ2. Andreas, DK5ON will be QRV as PJ2/DK5ON from March 11 to 27. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters, and possibly 160 meters, using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4. This includes being active on various Satellites. QSL to home call.

EAST KIRIBATI, T32. A group of operators will be QRV as T32EU from Kiritimati Island, IOTA OC 024, from March 12 to 27. Activity will be with three stations on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8. QSL via DL2AWG.

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS, HC8. Rick, HC1MD (NE8Z), and Maria, HC1MM will be QRV as HD8MD and HD8MM respectfully, from March 20 to 29. Listen for HD8MM on SSB on 40 through 10 meters and HD8MD on CW, SSB, FT4 and FT8 (sometimes MSHV) on 40 through 6 meters (Grid Locator EI59ec). QSL via LoTW or to the W8 QSL Bureau (via K8LJG or NE8Z).

SINT MAARTEN, PJ7. Ken, KJ9B will be active from March 30 to April 6. He'll be operating as PJ7/KJ9B, mostly on FT modes.

GREENLAND, OX. Bo, OZ1DJJ is operating as OX3LX until March 22. He will be on the HF bands and satellite QO-100. QSL via OZ0J.

TURKEY, TA. TC18M will be on the air from March 15 to 22 to remember the Naval Victory of 1915. They will be in the Russian DX Contest that weekend, manned by young ops from TCSWAT and GITRAD. QSL through LoTW.

REUNION ISLAND, T07. Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be QRV from April 7 to 18 as T07PX. Look for him using SSB and FT8 on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 Meters. QSL via IK2DUW.

TIMOR LESTE, 4W. Satoshi, JH2EUV is QRV as 4W/JH2EUV from Dili until March 19. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using FT8. QSL to home call.

TANZANIA, 5H. Nobby, G0VJF is QRV as 5H3VJG from Zanzibar Island, IOTA AF 032, until March 20. Activity is on the HF bands. This includes being an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth contest. QSL via M00X0.

WEST MALAYSIA, 9M2. Jacek, SP5APW will be QRV as 9W2/SP5APW from Langkawi Island, IOTA AS 058, until March 17. Activity will be on 20 to 6 meters, with an

emphasis on 6 meters. QSL to home call.

MOROCCO, CN. Yannick, F6FYD will be QRV as CN2YD from Marrakesh until March 23. This includes being active as CN2YD/p on a short visit to Mogador Island, IOTA AF 065. QSL to home call.

GRENADA, J3. Operators ON4HIL, ON4MA, ON5RA, ON5TN, ON6CC and ON7RU are QRV as J38R until March 16. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8, with RTTY on 20 meters. QSL via M0URX.

MARIANA ISLANDS, KH0. JA6VQA, as WH0B, along with JA6REX and JH6HZH will be QRV from April 25 to 30, using mainly FT8 and FT4 with some CW and SSB, on 160 to 6 meters. Listen for them as WH0B, KH0/JA6REX and KH0/W6HZH, respectively. QSL WH0B via LoTW, eQSL and direct to JA6VQA. QSL KH0/JA6REX and KH0/W6HZH via LoTW, eQSL and Club Log.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The PODXS 070 Club St Patrick's Day Contest, BARTG HF RTTY Contest, Russian DX Contest, F9AA Cup, Africa All Mode Int'l DX Contest, AGCW VHF/UHF Contest, All Virginia QSO Party, UBA Spring Contest, Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, Bucharest Digital Contest, RSGB FT4 Contest, and the Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest are on tap for this weekend.

Please see March QST, page 78, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

THANKS ARRL DX BULLETIN!

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